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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ISLANDS OFF NAMIBIAN COAST

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1. FONOFF (VOH SCHACKY) REPORTS THAT INVESTIGATION INTO STATUS OF PENGUIN ISLANDS HAS, THUS FAR, BEEN UNFRUITFUL. LEGAL DIVISION OF FONOFF SUGGESTS THAT RECORDS OF COLONIAL OFFICE OF GERMAN REICH, NOW HELD IN POTSDAM, GDR, BE CHECKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SINCE MOST RECORDS OF THE PERIOD HAVE NOT BEEN SENT TO BONN. VERY LITTLE USEFUL INFORMATION WAS UNCOVERED IN FONOFF SEARCH.

2. A GERMAN WHITE BOOK WAS FOUND COVERING ONLY PERIOD 1880-1884 WHICH ENDS WITH AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS BORDER QUESTIONS AT GERMAN-ENGLISH SETTLEMENT COMMISSION IN CAPETOWN. IN BLUE BOOK CONTAINING SETTLEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES FROM MARCH TO SEPT. 1885, SPECIFIC REFERENCE -- DATED JULY 23, 1885 -- IS MADE TO A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE ISLANDS OFF THE SOUTHWESTERN COAST OF AFRICA. BOTH SIDES APPARENTLY EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS BUT NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED

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AT THAT TIME.

3. A CHECK OF OTHER RECORDS CONCERNING GERMAN PROTECTORATES, WHICH EXIST FOR THE YEARS ONLY AFTER 1908, WAS ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL. FONOFF BRIEFLY CHECKED ABOUT 50 HANDWRITTEN AND SOMETIMES ILLEGIBLE VOLUMES CONTAINING THE FILES OF THE FORMER GERMAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN CAPE TOWN. THIS RESEARCH COULD NOT BE COMPLETED, IN VIEW OF TIME CONSTRAINTS, BUT THE FONOFF HAS OFFERED TO MAKE THESE RECORDS AVAILABLE TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF USG. IT DOUBTS, HOWEVER, THAT THESE RECORDS CONTAIN MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION.

4. FONOFF APOLOGIZES FOR NOT MEETING SEPT. 24 DEADLINE, BUT CITES DIFFICULTY IN READING OLD DOCUMENTS AND HOPE OF DISCOVERING SOMETHING POSITIVE AS PARTIAL EXCUSE.
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